



Briefs:

16th Annual Kansas School Nurse Conference

The 16th Annual Kansas School Nurse Conference will be July 26-28 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita. "Healthy Children 2005 and Beyond" will provide an opportunity to increase knowledge and skills specific to the nurse's role in accessing and utilizing Healthy People 2010 goals. Those goals are to increase quality of years of healthy life and to eliminate health disparities. This year's conference will feature sessions on: diabetes, mental health, athletic injuries, asthma, respiratory/cardiac assessment, vision and common vision problems, common medications in the school setting, interviewing adolescents, injury prevention, childhood obesity, and more. To view the conference brochure online visit:

<http://webs.wichita.edu/continuinged/KSN/ksn2005.htm>.

You may also register on the Web site.

Kansas Health Statistics Report

The Kansas Center for Health and Environmental Statistics publishes "Kansas Health Statistics Report" quarterly to inform policy makers and the public of the latest information on health data and research using health information. These reports review research findings from KDHE and outside the agency. *Kansas Health Statistics Report* is available in PDF format by visiting:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/ches/khsnews/khsr.html>.

2005-2006 Immunization Information for School Entry

The hepatitis B and varicella vaccination school entry requirement will include kindergarten and 1st grade students for the 2005-2006 school year. This requirement is based on KAR 28-1-20. KDHE will be implementing this requirement for school entry in stages by adding one grade level per school year to phase in all children enrolled in Kansas schools for these additional vaccinations. This is in addition to the other vaccines required for all children enrolled in Kansas schools. If you have any questions, please contact the Kansas Immunization Program at 785-296-5591 or go to our Web site:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/immunize/index.html>.

Immunization Update 2005

Please mark your calendar for NIP's Immunization Update 2005 on July 28. Immunization Update 2005 will cover new recommendations for influenza vaccine and an update of the influenza vaccine supply, meningococcal conjugate vaccine, acellular pertussis vaccine for adolescents, and revised varicella vaccine recommendations. The 2.5-hour broadcast will occur live on July 28 from 9 -11:30 a.m. and will be re-broadcast that day from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (CST). Both broadcasts will feature a live question-and-answer session in which participants nationwide can interact with the course instructors via toll-free telephone lines.

The program will also be available as a live webcast on the Internet. Individual registration is available at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtnonline/>.

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Environmental Health Topics

The Kansas Public Health Certification Program will present "Intro to Environmental Health Topics" a special FREE live two-day offering for the public health workforce in Kansas on July 26-27. Subjects covered include: Intro to Environmental Health; Federal, State, and Local Environmental Responsibilities; and Principles of Toxicology and Risk Assessment. The classes will be offered in Hays, Wichita, and Chanute. Presentations will be a combination of live and distance ITV at the remote sites. This program covers basic to intermediate level material. It is especially geared to new public health staff and persons interested in gaining knowledge of the Kansas Public Health Certificate Program. Nursing CEUs are provided for those attending both days. Participants who later enroll in the entire Certificate Program will still need to attend all classes, as the program is updated on a yearly basis.

To register/enroll, go to: <http://ks.train.org>. You must first "create and account" on KSTRAIN if you have not already done so, and then search the courses under "Browse my state only." Look for the title as it appears above and register/enroll for your preferred site location. For assistance to register contact Linda Frazier at 785-296-3641 or lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us.